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President's Message



Dr. Eve Brown

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to serving as the new President of the Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society. We have an extraordinary Society made strong by our growing membership and the hard work, time and effort of the RWCDs Executive Board. I would like to thank Dr. Tony Horalek for his contributions this past year as President of the RWCDs, and his commitment to our organization as this will be his fifth year on the Board as he serves as Past-President! Also, I would like to thank the following Board members who are concluding their service on the Board: Dr. Sheppard McKenzie as Editor, Dr. Craig Williams as Member-at-Large, and Dr. Shelley Barker Olson as Past-President. I look forward to working with the new members on the Executive Board: Dr. Christi Davis as Member-at-Large, Dr. Adam Moore as Secretary, Dr. Darwin McCaffity as Treasurer, and Dr. Seth Rumley as Editor.

We have some great continuing education programs scheduled for 2011. For our January meeting, we are pleased to have Dr. Terry Donovan from UNC presenting "The Role of All-Ceramic Crowns in Contemporary Restorative Dentistry." The Board is already planning the presentations for next year, and we are committed to have speakers and topics that are valuable to our members. We always appreciate suggestions for our continuing education topics - please let us know if you have ideas for future presentations. Also, after each meeting, please complete the on-line questionnaire to provide valuable feedback about the meetings. (cont. on p.2)

2011 Spring Calendar

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| JAN | 11th | Executive Board Meeting |
| | 18th | General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Terry Donovan – "The Role of All-Ceramic Crowns in Contemporary Restorative Dentistry" |
| FEB | 8th | Executive Board Meeting |
| | 15th | General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Harald Heymann – "What's New in Adhesive and Esthetic Dentistry" |
| MAR | 8th | Executive Board Meeting |
| | 15th | General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Jeffrey Jelic – "Sleep Apnea" |
| APRIL | 12th | Executive Board Meeting |
| | 19th | General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Valerie Murrah – "Identification and Management of Common Oral Pathologic Conditions" |
| May | 10th | Executive Board Meeting |
| | 17th | General Members' meeting & CE To Be Announced |

General Members' meetings are held at 6:15 p.m. at **North Ridge Country Club**, 6612 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. There are no meetings in June, July, August and December. Social time begins at 6:15 p.m. with the buffet line opening at 6:45 p.m. The business meeting commences at 7:00 p.m. followed by a CE lecture.

Recently several members have expressed an interest in assuming a more active role in the Society. This year, we are looking forward to having Dr. Kavita Ghai serve as Co-Chair of the Community Action Committee. New Executive Board member Dr. Christi Davis will be serving as the other Co-Chair. Under their guidance, the Board will be exploring community programs that may benefit from involvement and support of the RWCDS.

It is our strong membership that makes our Society successful. Last year Executive Board member Dr. Scott McClure served as our Membership Committee Chair. Under his leadership, the Society's membership has grown to almost 350 members! This year, we are pleased to have Dr. Nedda Ibrahim joining him as the Membership Committee Co-Chair. The Board members and I encourage everyone to invite a non-member dentist to one of our meetings and introduce the benefits of our organization. So if you know a non-member that would benefit from being contacted, please let one of the Membership Committee Chairs know, or just give them a call!

I look forward to seeing everybody at the January meeting.

Respectfully,
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Executive Director's Message



Dr. Thomas K. Buttler

Pausing To Express Appreciation

Where does the time go? In the summer of 2005, over 5 years ago, I received a call from Dr. Frank Maness inquiring about interest in serving as executive director of the RWCDS. He explained that Mr. Virgil McBride, the society's first and only executive director, had announced his retirement and the RWCDS was searching for his replacement. Since I had never done anything remotely like this before, Frank and I decided that I would be perfect for the position.

It has been an interesting five and one-half year journey. The 2005 board possessed two qualities that serve any leadership body well: enthusiasm and vision. For the most part I was given a blank slate and a green light since there wasn't a clear template of duties and the board sought a new standard. Clearly, the society has evolved and numerous members have expressed a high level of satisfaction and look forward to attending meetings.

As we turn the page from one calendar year to the next it is not unusual to pause and take a few moments to reflect on various aspects of our lives as we prepare to stride forward into our future. Thinking about my role as executive director I was struck with a consciousness of my under appreciation of the dedication, sacrifice, selflessness and leadership freely given by some members of the dental profession, particularly by those whose voluntary efforts are above and beyond their responsibilities in clinical practice. (cont. on p.3)

Naturally, this ED position, possibly better labeled administrator, has exposed me to a variety of activities/initiatives at the local, state and national level. I can now delve into these matters at greater depth than when I was busy with a solo endodontic practice. Now that I am somewhat in the same world as those that give their energy and time to do their part to benefit the dental profession and those in need of dental care, my level of appreciation has skyrocketed.

Vince Lombardi, the famed professional football coach, once said, “Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

- Thank you to the 2005 RWCDs board that has given me the opportunity to serve as the society’s administrator and has provided me with a conduit to partly repay the profession that has blessed me and continues to do so.
- Thank you to all the board members who I have had the pleasure of working with for your devotion to what has become the best, local dental society in North Carolina.
- Thank you to all the RWCDs members for their consistent cooperation, financial support via annual dues and contributions to the foundation, volunteerism, attendance at meetings and suggestions.
- Thank you to Dr. Gary Oyster, his team of volunteers for political action, and those who contribute to the NCPAC for your dedication and countless hours expended pursuing legislative policies protecting the ability of NC dentists to serve their patients and earn a living. Also, thank you to those dentists who have sought elected office at all levels with the goal of standing up for the dental profession and patient treatment.
- Thank you to Dr. Alex Parker, Ms. Prissy Allen, the NCDS Board of Trustees and the NCDS staff for their dedication and accomplishments. Our NCDS is the envy of other state dental associations/societies. Alec and Prissy are in a league by themselves.
- Thank you to the dentists, hygienists and assistants who selflessly volunteer for Wake Smiles and Missions of Mercy projects. Your compassion in using your skills in service to those in need is the essence of a true health professional.
- And to one of the least appreciated group of volunteers, thank you to those who serve on the NC Board of Dental Examiners after being elected by your peers. You are to be commended for the sacrifices you make, including the many weekends you give up plus the long travel distances for some, to serve the citizens and dentists of NC by setting and maintaining a high standard of care and ethics.

Yes, there are more individuals that are deserving of my appreciation and I apologize if I failed to mention you. The dental profession, especially in NC and Wake County, is filled with dedicated, caring and compassionate individuals who take pride in doing more than their fair share. I am fortunate to call them my friends and colleagues.

Respectfully,
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Editor's Notes

Despite the frigid weather, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is well rested after a productive 2010. Here's looking toward an eventful and successful 2011. As your new editor, I have worked with Dr. McKenzie in assembling this newsletter and look forward to future newsletters.

On the following pages you will find information regarding the upcoming NC MOMS fundraiser in February and Wake Smiles.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas you may have for future newsletters.

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Fund raising for NCMOM

On February 11, 2011, the NC Academy of General Dentistry and Triangle Area Dental Services will host the second annual *Roll The Dice for NCMOM* event. Last year's event had an attendance of 300 people and generated over \$10,000 for the clinics. With even greater marketing efforts and more people working on the event this year, we are expecting as many as 500 attendees and even greater revenues.

NCMOM held 12 events in 2010 and is expected to hold another 12 events in 2011. Most NCMOM clinics are held monthly to provide care for an average of 600-700 people. Although the NCMOM project is not a health care system, it is a strong humanitarian effort that brings professionals and communities together to serve those that would otherwise go without care and ultimately end up in the emergency room. In this down economy, NCMOM has maintained its stamina and draws some 200 volunteers from local communities where clinics are held to bring communities together and support the dental care being provided. It is also one of the only ways that the dental profession receives positive public relations. Many legislators have attended our events and have been very impressed with our efforts.

The NCMOM project is the leader in the nation, as many other states only hold 1-2 clinics per year. Due to donations and fund raising efforts, NCMOM is proud to be able to obtain x-rays on each patient with the new x-ray van, as well as provide caregivers with more equipment and better sterilization measures.

If you were fortunate enough to attend last year, you will recall all the fun and excitement of the play money casino. The members of Triangle Area Dental Services have assured us all the great casino games like Craps, Roulette, Blackjack, Texas Holdem', Money Wheel, Triple Shot, and Baccarat will be there again this year so that you can enjoy the games while raising money to support the ongoing efforts of NCMOM. They will also feature virtual horse racing on the giant 16 feet by 9 feet High Def screen. It's loud and exciting and just like being at the tracks. We were told Elvis and Sinatra will make appearances throughout the evening and a DJ will play your favorite music during the rest of the evening.

The members of Triangle Area Dental Services (T.A.D.S.) have been hard at work rounding up some really great raffle prizes and silent auction items. Last year's event had some very interesting and out of the ordinary items and this year should be no different. They will be putting the final touches on the Hors D'oeuvres menu soon and promise to provide table-side wait service so you won't have to leave your playing spot to get food or your favorite drink. (cont. on p.5)

Please make sure you put Friday February 11, 2011 on your calendar and come down to the Raleigh Convention Center to help support your MOM clinics. The "casino" doors will be open from 7:00 until 11:00 pm and tickets can be purchased in advance at www.tadsonline.org. Go online and buy your discounted tickets today or call 919-755-1129 for more information. It's a great time for a great cause!

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Although the RWCDs fully supports the humanitarian efforts of the North Carolina Mission of Mercy (NCMOM) clinics, we neither support nor sponsor this play-gambling event. The RWCDs recommends that all its members support the humanitarian efforts of the NC MOMS clinics both financially and by volunteering.

Together Wake Smiles – Dentists for a Healthier Wake County

Wake Smiles is the volunteer arm of the RWCDs. It is the only volunteer dental service program in Wake County since the Open Door Clinic closed its dental clinic in 2002. Wake Smiles provides emergency, preventive and comprehensive restorative services for Wake County low income adults who would otherwise not have access to dental care. The Wake Smiles board, a group of six volunteers, coordinates the efforts of Wake County dental volunteers, who offer their services at evening clinics and in their private offices.

Adult patients at or below 100% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Wake Smiles. A \$20.00 co-pay per each substantial treatment visit is asked of patients to ensure ownership of their problems and incentive to make their appointments. In certain situations, donors or organizations may cover the co-pay for the homeless or those individuals who cannot make the \$20 co-pay. Wake Smiles works with the following local agencies to treat eligible patients: Wake Health Services, Inc; Wake County Human Services; Urban Ministries/Open Door Clinic; Horizon; Healing Place; Wilmington Street Shelter; Raleigh Rescue Mission; and Salvation Army. Last year Wake Smiles provided 779 patient visits, with 455 of those being new patients, at a value of over \$241,000.

Wake Smiles is presently negotiating with the Salvation Army which has plans for a dental clinic at their new facility on Capital Boulevard. This is a tremendous opportunity for Wake Smiles in its effort to expand services to the underserved and uninsured. To be successful, Wake Smiles and the Salvation Army ***need your support***. You will be hearing more in the near future about funding opportunities to help make this new clinic a reality.

Currently, the Wake Smiles clinic is held in the Wake Health Services Inc. dental clinic at, 2620 New Bern Ave (near Wake Med and the Wake County Health Department). The Wake Smiles clinic is open on most Tuesday evenings except for the Tuesdays the RWCDs meets. On those weeks, the clinic is open on Wednesday evenings. Bi-lingual dental assistants are present most evenings. Wake Smiles needs dentist and dental hygienist volunteers, and encourages dentists to bring their own dental assistant. Dentists may also volunteer by treating patients in their offices.

Wake Smiles is YOUR organization. It is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donations are tax deductible. Please volunteer or make a generous donation today! For more information, see the web site at <http://www.rwcds.org/wake/>

Wake Smiles thanks the following RWCDs member volunteers listed on the following page who, from January 5 through December 14, 2010, have given generously of their time and talent to provide quality dental care to low income Wake County adults in a respectful and caring environment.

Dr. Anna Abernethy
Dr. Steven Andreaus
Dr. Jon Beavers
Dr. Leah Beavers
Dr. Mark Beavers
Dr. Benjamin Boyles
Dr. Steve Bumgarner
Dr. Rebekah Chiavetta
Dr. James Chun
Dr. Jim Furguson
Dr. Tina Goodall
Dr. Chris Gudger
Dr. Robert Hollowell
Dr. Nedda Ibrahim
Dr. Saba Jelokhani

Dr. Irina Jorgenson
Dr. Lois Knauff
Dr. Angela Marcil
Dr. Shirin Mashhoon
Dr. Ted Mayer
Dr. Sheppard McKenzie
Dr. Knox McMillan
Dr. Adam Moore
Dr. Paresh Naran
Dr. Dave Olson
Dr. Shelley Olson
Dr. Gary Oyster
Dr. M. B. Patel
Dr. Richard Patterson
Dr. Yousef Razavi

Dr. Anita Sawhney
Dr. Paul Scruggs
Dr. Chris Sheaffer
Dr. Jill Sonner
Dr. Robert Stanley
Dr. Don Taylor
Dr. Beverly Thurmond
Dr. Ron Venezia
Dr. Gabe Villena
Dr. Bruce Wainright
Dr. Mark Wainright
Dr. Matt Wassel
Dr. Brett Wells
Dr. Craig Williams



Following the September 2010 meeting, member endodontists gathered with Dr. Olmsted for a photo. From L to R: Drs. Thom Buttler, Robert Sopko, Geraldine Bills, Henry Hancock, Tony Horalek, Erich Brewer and John Olmstead.



Last fall, Paul Kearns gave attendees an informative lecture on CPR. From L to R: Dr. Ted Mayer, Paul Kearns, Dr. Tony Horalek.



Several members of the 2010 and 2011 RWCDs board: Front Row from L to R: Drs. Cristi Davis and Thom Buttler; Back Row from L to R: Drs. Ted Mayer, Scott McClure, Tony Horalek, Eve Brown, Jill Sonner, Seth Rumley and Craig Williams.



Dr. Irina Jorgensen at Wake Smiles.

National Dental Assistants Recognition Week

“...I couldn’t have done that without you!” How many times have we as dentists shared that thought with our Dental Assistants? I hope your answer is “often.”

We all enjoy being acknowledged for hard work and dedication and it’s that recognition that fosters a sense of pride and accomplishment for our TEAM members. Dental Assistants enhance the quality of dental health care and are critical members of our office families. The Dental Assistant role has evolved over the years, with assistants now involved in many aspects of an often busy and successful dental practice. Detailed information can be found at www.dentalassistant.org.

I am asking that you join me in recognizing your Dental Assistants this year. March 6-12, 2011, has been designated by the American Dental Assistants Association, along with the American Dental Association, as the perfect time to acknowledge and celebrate the versatile, multitalented member of your dental TEAM — your Dental Assistant!

Robert D. Elliott, D.M.D., M.S.
Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
Advisor, North Carolina Dental Assistants Association

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DENTISTS

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Dr. Ted Mayer available to check hygiene can be contacted at 919.846.6815

MISCELLANEOUS

If you are interested in performing pro bono work for the Pretty in Pink Foundation for breast cancer please contact **Dr. Todd Engstrom** at 919-870-7200 or engstromorthodontics@gmail.com

